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Sch. Viking, 1500 haddock, 23,000 cod.
Sch. Washakie, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 28,000 hake.
Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 6000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 6000 hake, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Nettle Franklin, 10,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 8000 hake.
Sch. Matiana, 3000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Haddock, \$2 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2; hake, 70c to \$1; pollock, \$1 to \$1.15.

Portland Fish Notes.

Fish receipts Tuesday were the heaviest for a long period, aggregating over 100,000 pounds, and dealers were glad to obtain it, as the supply the past week has been very small and prices consequently so high as to interfere with trade. The largest catches brought in were sch. Lochinvar, with 45,000 pounds of mixed fish, sch. Angle B. Watson with 20,000 pounds, sch. Kate Palmer with 22,000 pounds, and sch. Fannie Reed with 25,000 pounds, the latter schooner proceeding to Gloucester with her catch, her skipper thinking he could do better at that port. Quite a lot of herring were also landed here yesterday, having been caught up the bay. The steamer Hermann Reissing came in with over 6000 lobsters and the smack Blanche & Ida also arrived with 2000. Taken altogether the fish wharves were pretty lively Tuesday.

Pensacola Schooner Given Up.

All hope for the Pensacola fishing sch. Francis H., commanded by Capt. Albert Sadler, formerly of Boothbay, Me., and manned by a crew of eight, has been abandoned by the owners, who believe the vessel, with all hands, went down in the gulf hurricane of September 21.

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ONLY HERRING FROM TORCHERS

Limit of Fish Receipts at This Port Today.

Up to this morning no vessels had arrived at this port with fish, since last report the only receipts being 150 barrels fresh herring from the torchers and netters, a somewhat unusual occurrence for this season of the year. The owners and shippers, however, are thankful for the continued fine drying weather which enables them to work the flakes to the limit and overtime. They know also that there are many more salt and fresh cod to come and this together with the fine state of trade causes them not to worry any over a day or two with no arrivals.

Sch. Constellation, one of the slender shore seining fleet came in this morning with no fish.

Several of the smaller vessels are here from Boston with no fish.

The torchers and netters brought in 150 barrels of fresh herring this morning, about all going for bait.

The arrivals and receipts at this port today are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Constellation, shore seining.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, via Boston.
Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston.
Sch. Little Fanny, via Boston.
Sch. Lafayette, via Boston.
Sch. Olivia Sears, via Boston.
Boats and torchers, 150 bbls. fresh herring.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, via Boston.
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddock-ing.
Sch. Eglantine, Rips.
Sch. Gladys and Sabra, Rips.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddock-ing.
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, haddock-ing.
Sch. Mettacommet, shore.
Sch. Good Luck, Rips.
Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, haddock-ing.

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High Line of Lunenburg Fleet.

The schooner Alexandra, Capt. Harry Winters, arrived at Lunenburg, C. B., from the Grand Banks Saturday with 1500 quintals of codfish for four weeks' fishing. This is the Alexandra's third trip, making in all 4300 quintals for the season, which places Captain Winters as high line, and is the largest catch for any one vessel in the history of the port of Lunenburg.

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SCHOOLING OFF LIVERPOOL, N. S.

Small Boats Getting Mackerel in That Locality.

Mackerel are likely to be in the market for some time to come if the news received from Liverpool, N. S., yesterday was correct. The correspondents of the Boston firms there sent word that mackerel were schooling off Liverpool and that in one of the traps 4100 mackerel were found Wednesday, and that the netters who went out in small boats were taking an average of 300 to a boat.

The T wharf fish dealers had a surprise for them when the cargo of the steamer was made known, yesterday, and they found that there were on it 266 barrels of fresh mackerel, three swordfish and 14 large albacore. The Boston dealers have been receiving only a few mackerel by these steamers for some time, and it looked as if there were none left. A dispatch received yesterday from Liverpool and other Nova Scotian places telling that mackerel were being taken again raised the hopes of the dealers some, but none of them expected to get so quick a response to their orders or so much fish at once.

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MAY PUT PRICE ON DOGFISH.

Fisheries Bureau Considering Their Extermination.

Whether the valuable lobster or the worthless dogfish of the waters of Rhode Island and Massachusetts is to be allowed to survive is a burning question that is receiving the careful consideration of Commissioner George M. Bowers of the bureau of fisheries.

The efforts of the bureau of fisheries to propagate the lobster so that it may become plentiful and cheap have been nullified to so great an extent by the avaricious dogfish, that Commissioner Bowers is contemplating placing a price upon the heads of the marine nuisances so as to encourage fishermen to devote their efforts to clear the sea of them.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Claudia was at Canso, N. S., on Tuesday.
Schs. Mooween and Preceptor sailed from Canso on Tuesday.

French Steam Trawlers Finished Traps.

About half of the French steam trawlers that have been operating on the western Atlantic banks this summer, have finished their season's work and sailed for France. The steamers still on this side will probably return home during the next couple of weeks. Altogether 29 steam trawlers have fished on this side of the Atlantic this year, and while several of them have done well, the majority have not been as successful as last year. It is said that many of the vessels sent out this season will not return next season, but there is every likelihood that several new and large craft will be sent out next spring. A couple of French firms are said to be contemplating the building of trawlers of 1800 tons, which will have a coal capacity sufficiently large to enable them to coal in England on their way out and remain on the banks during the entire summer, without the necessity of coming to North Sydney to obtain coal at intervals, as the smaller craft have been obliged to do.

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FALL BANK FISHING.

Nova Scotia Paper Claims Their Vessels Should Pursue It.

A few Lunenburg vessels have gone out again on a fall trip to Querebec, where the fish are reported plentiful. This is a practice that has always been followed by some Lunenburg men, but it has never appealed much to the bankers as a whole. A merchant who has considerable interest in the fisheries, not only as an exporter, but otherwise, considers that it is one of the weaknesses of our bank fishing industry that it is followed only for a few months each year. The Gloucester fishermen work practically the whole year round, while ours endeavor to get along with a few months work in each year. Of course there might be something to say against a whole year's work at a time when the world's market is low; but this is no reason why the fishing industry should always work on short time, so to speak. In every industry there are times when the production has to be cut down because of market conditions, and the same thing would periodically happen in the fishing industry. If the present tendency for men and vessels to decrease continues, it will become necessary for the remaining men to work a greater part of the year if the output is to be maintained on its present level. It may not be possible in the maritime provinces just yet to keep up a continuous fishery on the banks, but more might be made of the fall fishery. As it is, nearly all the vessels that started work in March and April are now laid up for the winter and, it would seem a large amount of productive energy is to be unused for several months.—Halifax, N. S., Maritime Merchant.

SHARKS AND DOGFISH.

Incoming Fishermen Complain of Being Badly Bothered.

Nearly all the haddocking captains at T wharf yesterday told of having had a hard time with sharks and dogfish. The sharks were particularly bold and numerous. They had so little fear of the fishermen that one of the captains said they came daringly to the vessel and were numerous enough about her to have lifted her out of the water. Killing them did not appear to lessen their number.

Few of the vessels escaped losing some of their trawls, and some of them lost heavily. Most of the captains had empty trawl tubs on deck when their schooners came to the wharf, and several of the vessels lost as high as 20 tubs of trawls, and two or three set their loss at 40 tubs.

Newfoundland Fishery Notes.

Steamer Euphrates, Capt. George Barbour, from Northern Labrador via Battle Harbor and Newtown, arrived at St. John's, N. F., Saturday, reporting for 2100 quintals cod, taken at Ryan's Bay, 150 south of Cape Chidley, a larger catch than last year. Steamer Kite and one craft fished there, too, and the Kite had 600 quintals when the Euphrates left. The latter had 14 men fishing, on shares, and they will make one of the best "bills" for the coast. She reports all the Newtown vessels home, except two—John Parsons' and George Tuff's—which were doing well at Muford when she passed, while two Wesleyville crafts, Japhet Winsor's and Peter Hann's, arrived home Wednesday with 400 and 200 quintals.

Sch. Glad Tidings, at St. John's from Griquet, reports good fishing in that quarter, but bait scarce. Boats get a quintal a day when bait is to be had, and the Burin banker Mary Smith, Courage master, is at White's Arm, nearly loaded, while other Burin and Fortune bankers in the same vicinity are also well fished.

A shipment of squid, cured for food purposes, to be sent to British Columbia, thence to China and Japan, was received Friday by the Fish Food Co. of St. John's, which was recently formed for the purpose of introducing this article on the Oriental market. The squid are put up in a very attractive manner and should meet with ready sale. A ton of the fish will be sent to the market as a sample.

The revenue cruiser Fiona, Capt. English, arrived at St. John's from Labrador Saturday morning, having been absent since July 20, at the disposal of Judge Morris, of the Labrador court, and A. W. Piccott, minister of marine and fisheries, who went over the entire coast, holding court and investigating the fisheries, as well as performing other valuable work.

Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

Digby—Cod, hake and haddock fair. Liverpool—Mackerel reported fair; 4 bbls. in nets.

Lunenburg—Cod and mackerel fair, dogfish troublesome.

Salmon River—Cod, haddock and halibut fair.

Isaac's Harbor—Good catches of cod and halibut reported.

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FISHERIES OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Census Bureau Places Value of Products For 1908 at \$7,095,230.

Amount of Capital Invested Nearly One Million Dollars.

The bureau of census of the department of commerce and labor has issued its preliminary report on the fisheries of Massachusetts, based on statistics gathered by its agents this year for the year ending December 31, 1909. These statistics are confined to the fishing industry and do not include wholesale fish dealers and canneries.

The final report, which will come later, will contain an analysis of the totals and will present statistics for the other phases of the fishery.

The figures are interesting and on the whole seem to be well based, the only exceptions to be noted are that the catch of flounders over 7,000,000 pounds, and whiting, over 5,000,000

pounds, seems to be far too high, as gauged from the landings here and a general idea of landings throughout the state.

The tabular report is as follows:

	No.	Value
Independent fishermen	3,141	
Wage-earning fishermen	8,436	
Total	11,577	
Vessels	671	\$2,927,766
Outfit, (bait, fuel, provisions, etc.)		1,354,550
Boats	3,694	476,851
Total	4,765	\$4,759,167
Apparatus of capture:		
Dredges, tongs, etc.		\$18,060
Gill nets	9,054	78,940
Lines		274,790
Pots, crab, eel and lobster	43,342	66,150
Pound and trap nets	214	161,910
Seines	387	153,520
Whaling apparatus		10,200
Miscellaneous		11,830

Total value of apparatus	\$775,310
Shore and accessory property	\$164,220
Cash capital	50,820

Total investment	\$6,524,827
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	Pounds	
Alewives	4,061,800	\$44,540
Cod	72,217,900	1,944,200
Cusk	4,266,800	72,780
Flounders	7,123,800	146,470
Haddock	48,492,400	1,037,920
Hake	16,708,200	293,830
Halibut	4,132,800	309,820
Herring	28,440,400	341,110
Mackerel	10,452,600	761,020
Pollock	20,006,400	313,050
Scup	1,136,000	39,580
Squeteague or trout	1,971,100	58,150
Swordfish	1,641,700	121,920
Whiting	5,589,300	39,010
Lobsters	2,455,300	307,470
Clams	334,000	378,350
Oysters	154,900	217,980
Scallops	62,700	120,430
Whale products		335,730
Miscellaneous fish, turtles, etc.		211,870
Total		\$7,095,230

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Petite-de-Grat—Few mackerel taken.
Descousse—Few cod and mackerel taken.
Cheticamp—Mackerel fair mainland and island; boats average 500 fish.
Margaree—Few mackerel caught.

Former Gloucester Vessel Successful At Whaling.

The whaling sch. A. T. Gifford, of Stamford, Conn., formerly a well known fishing vessel of this port, commanded by Capt. Comer, stopped off at Vineyard Haven on Wednesday and took on board a pilot for New Bedford.

The Gifford left New London, Conn., for a whaling trip to Hudson Bay 27 months ago, and has secured two whales.

Seventeen hundred pounds of whale-bone were sent home by way of Scotland and the vessel now has 600 pounds of bone on board, as well as a large quantity of Arctic furs.

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ANOTHER DAY WITH NO ARRIVALS

Entire Fish Receipts Are 225 Barrels Fresh Herring.

As far as fish arrivals are concerned at this port, herring is still king, for this is another morning with no arrivals from off shore with fish cargoes. The herring seiners and torchers brought 225 barrels. The continued calm weather is probably the cause of some of the vessels being slow in coming along.

The arrivals and receipts are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Esther Gray, via Boston.
Sloop Marian, via Boston.
Boats and torchers, 225 bbls. fresh mackerel.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Lafayette, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, haddocking.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, haddocking.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.
Sch. Fish Hawk, Georges.
Sch. Morning Star, haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.
Outside sales, fresh western cod, large, \$2, market, \$1.65; haddock, 65c and 67 1-2c.
Outside sales fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium, \$1.40.
Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.
Salt dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.
Outside sales of round pollock, 60c per cwt.
Bank halibut, 10 cents per pound for white and eight cents for gray.
Flitched halibut, 8 1-4 cts. per lb.
Salt bullseyes, \$9.50 per bbl.
Salt large mackerel, late caught, rimmed, \$30 per bbl.
Salt small mackerel, \$20 per bbl.
Small fresh mackerel, 9c each.
Board of Trade prices:
Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; medium, \$3.25.
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Splitting prices for fresh fish. Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large; \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

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Stocked \$9313 on Handline Trip.
Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Capt. George Nelson, stocked \$9313.53 on her recent dory handline trip. The average share was \$186 and the high line share \$241.91.

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EIGHT VESSELS AT T WHARF.

But Boston Dealers Have Plenty of Fish.

There have been only eight fishing arrivals at T wharf since last report, but with yesterday morning's big receipts the dealers have plenty of stock to work on, so the market is dull and prices down. Haddock dropped at the bell, to \$1.70 for new fish, a few bringing \$2, while large cod held fair at from \$3 to \$3.50. There was no sale for small hake, large bringing 80 and 90 cents, with pollock at \$1.

The steam trawler Spray is in from another quick trip with 79,000 pounds of haddock. The other fares range from 6000 to 45,000 pounds. No big market is looked for tomorrow and few vessels are expected but a big arrival sheet is what the dealers look for and will probably get on Monday.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts this morning in detail are as follows:

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 1500 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Steamer Spray, 77,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1200 hake.

Sch. Arbitrator, 25,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Matchless, 15,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 30,000 hake.

Sch. Hope, 5000 haddock, 5000 cod, 12,000 hake.

Sch. Annie Perry, 5000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Haddock, \$1.70 to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$3.50; market cod, \$1.70 to \$2.50; large hake, 80 to 90 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.

Portland Fish Notes.

Wednesdays arrivals:

Sch. Fannie Hayden, 15,000 pounds fresh fish.

Sch. Albert D. Willard, 15,000 pounds fresh fish.

Sch. Gladys Simmons, 13,000 pounds fresh fish.

Thursday was another big day in the way of fish receipts, over 65,000 pounds of cod, haddock and hake arrived at Commercial and Central wharves, and were disposed of to the local dealers. The largest fare was brought in by sch. Marjie Turner, which weighed out 30,000 pounds, followed by sch. George H. Lube, with 20,000 pounds, sch. Bernie and Bessie with 10,000 pounds, and the sloop Defender with 6000 pounds.

The present week the market has received nearly 150,000 pounds of mixed fish and it has been many weeks since the market has been so well supplied. With the fine October weather the conditions are perfect for the fishermen and everyone of them is taking advantage of it to make good catches. The Boston sch. Ellen C. Burke put into this harbor today for a supply of bait, and will proceed at once to the fishing grounds.

Only one small fare of fresh mackerel was received today, the sloop Laconia arriving with 57 large fish, which were taken in a drag net last night outside the Cape Elizabeth lightship. The fish averaged 2 1-2 pounds each, and the crew of the Laconia received 12 cents a pound for them. Several of the draggers were fishing last night off Boon island, but without success. It is thought that the mackerel fishing for this season is nearly closed in this vicinity, and taken as a whole, it has been a dismal failure to many vessels, the crews and the owners.

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Crew Shared \$75 Each.

Sch. Morning Star, Capt. Freeman Decker, stocked \$2800 on her recent quick fresh cod trip to Quere bank, the crew sharing \$75.

Bait News.

Plenty of bait herring.

Plenty of herring and ice at Boothbay Harbor.

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MACKEREL SCHOOLS REPORTED OFF PROVINCETOWN FRIDAY.

Sch. Speculator Secured Thirty Barrels Bloaters on Thursday Night.

North Bay Fleet Now Operating Off Sydney, Cape Breton.

A mackerel report that fairly woke up the whole city was received yesterday from Provincetown. In brief it was that mackerel were schooling solid off there and that a Gloucester seiner made a haul off there the night before. The report came from a most reliable source and was given credence.

The word came from Provincetown to Orlando Merchant, and his informant told him that the shore boats and little steamers which had been fishing off there were coming in and all were reporting a good body of mackerel off there. The men said that the day was a fine one, no wind and the sea calm, and that they had seen a lot of fish schooling and were sure they were mackerel. Some of the men said that they had seen a large body of fish.

They also reported that sch. Speculator, Capt. Rufus McKay, of this port, was on the fish off there Thursday night and made a nice haul as he was bailing for 40 or 50 minutes.

The fact that sch. Speculator got a haul shows that the fishermen were not mistaken in calling the schools mackerel, and that they were not herring or squid or some other kind of fish.

The weather for the past few days has been exceptionally calm and fine on the water, and it is thought that these ideal conditions and the warmth of the air and water have caused the fish to bunch up and show in good shape.

Fish Reported Schooling All Along Cape Cod Shore.

Capt. Charles H. Harty had sch. Constellation all ready, and this morning wired to Provincetown for more

particulars and to see if the fish were still schooling. Late in the forenoon he received a telephone message from Mr. Small, the freezer man over there.

Mr. Small had been talking with the fishermen and he told Capt. Harty that the haul of sch. Speculator on Thursday evening was 30 barrels of the largest kind of mackerel, regular bloaters. The haul was made to the northward of Orleans and the schooner was there again yesterday, as also was sch. Nellie Dixon. One of the boats coming up from Block Island reported seeing them and as she came along, Capt. McKay waved for them to keep off, he evidently having sighted a school and was keeping track of it.

Mr. Small said that as far as he could learn mackerel in small quantities were schooling all the way along shore from the northward of Orleans, up to Race Point, and well in shore.

On the strength of this minute report on the situation, Capt. Harty has decided not to fit out the Constellation.

Latest From the North Bay Fleet.

A letter from one of the North Bay mackerel fleet was received here yesterday. It was dated at North Sydney, C. B., two days previously and stated that about all the fleet had left the locality of Prince Edward Island and were now operating off Sydney, C. B. The weather was unusually fine, day after day, but the fleet had done nothing since coming down that way.

The North Bay mackerel of sch. Mertis H. Perry sold to Harvey C. Smith & Son at \$15 per barrel.

The T wharf dealers had five barrels of fresh mackerel from Nova Scotia yesterday. The fish go about two pounds each.